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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

1. IN THE SECOND MAJOR REORGANIZATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE FOUR YEARS AGO (THE FIRST WAS IN OCTOBER 1974), PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO FEBRUARY 5 RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET, CREATED TWO NEW MINISTRIES AND REORGANIZED FIVE OF THE EXISTING ONES, SET UP A PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE AND REPLACED TWO OF HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANTS AND TWO PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS.

2. THE PM ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENTS OF LT. GENERAL MOHAMMAD SHARIFF, COMMANDER OF THE 4TH CORPS AT LAHORE, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW JCS COMMITTEE, AND LT. GENERAL M. ZIA-UL-HAQ, COMMANDER OF THE 2ND CORPS AT MULTAN, AS CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF. ZIA REPLACES THE RETIRING GENERAL TIKKA KHAN WHO HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

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WITH FULL CABINET RANK. BOTH SHARIFF AND ZIA WILL

HAVE THE RANK OF GENERAL AND WILL TAKE OFFICE ON MARCH 1, WHEN THE NEW JCS ARRANGEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT. TIKKA WILL MOVE TO HIS NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT POSITION AT THAT TIME.

3. A PRESS NOTE ISSUED BY THE CABINET SECRETARIAT STATES THAT THE CHANGES HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY THE URGENT NEED TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATION AND HAD FOLLOWED A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE WORKLOAD OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS. THE CHANGES, THE NOTE SAID, "HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PRIMARY REASON OF REINFORCING THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ATTAIN THE NATION'S OBJECTIVES WITH GREATER VIGOR AND SPEED. TOWARDS THIS PURPOSE, ADDITIONAL TALENT AND EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN ENLISTED FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TASK. MOREOVER, SOME OF THE MINISTERS WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF MORE THAN ONE IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF SOME OF THEIR BURDEN IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY."

4. IN THE RESHUFFLE, NO INCUMBENT CABINET MINISTER OR MINISTER OF STATE HAS BEEN DROPPED, THOUGH SEVERAL HAVE HAD THEIR PORTFOLIOS SIGNIFICANTLY NARROWED. IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AZIZ AHMED STAYS ON AS MINISTER OF STATE (HE ALSO CONTINUES TO HOLD HIS DEFENSE PORTFOLIO) UNDER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, WHO REMAINS FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE. (ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AZIZ AHMED IS TO BE ACCORDED CABINET RANK AT THE MINISTER OF STATE LEVEL, A SOMEWHAT ANOMALOUS ARRANGEMENT. UNTIL NOW HE HAS BEEN GIVEN CABINET RANK WHEN OVERSEAS ON OFFICIAL MISSIONS.) THE ONLY CASUALTIES IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY WERE MALIK KHUDA BAKSH BUCHA, REPLACED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PM FOR AGRICULTURE BY SULTAN ALI CHAUDHRY OF LYALLPUR, AND FIROZE QAISER, WHO HAS BEEN DROPPED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PM FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FAVOR OF SHAHID HUSAIN, MOST RECENTLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK. YUSUF BUCH, THE REMAINING INCUMBENT SPECIAL ASSISTANT (FOR INFORMATION), CARRIES ON. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEFORE, THE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS WILL RANK AT THE MINISTER OF STATE LEVEL AND WILL THUS BE JUNIOR TO TIKKA KHAN, WHO AS NOTED IS TO HAVE FULL CABINET STATUS.

5. AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL, NEW GOVERNORS ARE TO TAKE OVER IN SIND AND THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE. BEGUM LIAQUAT ALI KHAN WILL BE REPLACED IN KARACHI ON FEBRUARY 29 BY DILAWAR KHAN OF JUNAGADH. THE PRESS

NOTE STATES THAT THE BEGUM S RETIREMENT COMES AT THE END OF THE "NORMAL TENURE" OF A GOVERNOR S APPOINTMENT, THREE YEARS. (THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO SUCH PROVISION IN THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH STIPULATES ONLY THAT GOVERNORS SHALL HOLD OFFICE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT.) THE PRESS NOTE MENTIONS THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF DILAWAR KHAN "SIGNIFIES THE GOVERNMENT S RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC SERVICE, AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL SACRIFICE, RENDERED BY THE LATE NAWAB OF JUNAGADH (THE NEW GOVERNOR S FATHER) TO THE CAUSE OF PAKISTAN BY MAKING HIS STATE THE FIRST TO ACCEDE TO PAKISTAN." (INDIAN INTERVENTION FOLLOWED THIS ABORTIVE ACCESSION. THE JUNAGADH FAMILY HAS BEEN SETTLED IN THE KARACHI AREA SINCE 1947.) IN PESHAWAR, RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL NASRULLAH KHAN BABAR WILL REPLACE RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL SAYED GHAWAS, ALSO ON FEBRUARY 29. GHAWAS HAS HELD THE FRONTIER GOVERNORSHIP SINCE MAY 1974.

6. THE RECONSTITUTED MINISTRY COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING FULL CABINET MEMBERS IN ADDITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

A. KHAN ABDUL QAIYUM KHAN: INTERIOR, STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS. (NO CHANGE.)

B. SHEIKH MOHAMMAD RASHID: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, COOPERATIVES, UNDER-DEVELOPED AREAS, AND LAND REFORMS. (LOSES WORKS, RETAINS THE REST OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REORGANIZED MINISTRY.)

C. ABDUL HAFIZ PIRZADA: EDUCATION AND PROVINCIAL COORDINATION. (LOSES KASHMIR AFFAIRS.)

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D. RANA MOHAMMAD HANIF KHAN: FINANCE, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. (NO CHANGE.)

E. MALIK MERAJ KHALID: SOCIAL WELFARE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. (NEWLY ESTABLISHED MINISTRY. MERAJ KHALID HAD BEEN MINISTER FOR LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.)

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F. MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO: COMMUNICATIONS. (MUMTAZ CONTINUES AS COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER BUT LOSES AN IMPORTANT PART OF HIS OLD PORTFOLIO WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A FULL CABINET MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS.)

G. RAFI RAZA: PRODUCTION. (RAZA LOSES THE INDUSTRIES AND TOWN PLANNING PORTFOLIOS HE HAD HELD IN ADDITION TO PRODUCTION. AS PRODUCTION MINISTER HE RETAINS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES.)

H. MAULANA KAUSAR NIAZI: RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, MINORITY AFFAIRS, AND OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS. (KAUSAR NIAZI ADDS THE LATTER TWO FUNCTIONS TO HIS FORMER RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REORGANIZED MINISTRY.)

I. MOHAMMAD YUSUF KHATTAK: FUEL, POWER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES. (NO CHANGE.)

J. MIR AFZAL KHAN: COMMERCE AND TOURISM. (PICKS UP TOURISM, FORMERLY THE INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF A UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTER OF STATE.)

K. HAFEEZULLAH CHEEMA: RAILWAYS. (FORMERLY MINISTER FOR LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND POPULATION PLANNING.)

I. SYED QAIM ALI SHAH JILLANI: INDUSTRIES, KASHMIR AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN AREAS. (PROMOTED FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIES. INHERITS FULL CHARGE OF INDUSTRIES FROM RAFI RAZA AND KASHMIR AFFAIRS FROM PIRZADA.)

M. MALIK MOHAMMAD AKHTAR: LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (PROMOTED FROM MINISTER OF STATE, WHERE HE HAD BEEN DEPUTY TO MERAJ KHALID IN THIS MINISTRY.)

N. MOHAMMAD HANIF KHAN: INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. (THERE HAS BEEN NO MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SINCE OCTOBER 1974, WHEN KAUSAR NIAZI RELINQUISHED THE PORTFOLIO. SINCE THAT TIME I AND B HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER S SECRETARIAT AND ITS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT YUSUF BUCH. HANIF KHAN, AN MNA FROM HAZARA DISTRICT IN NWFP, CAME INTO THE PPP FROM THE QAIYUM MUSLIM LEAGUE IN 1975.)

O. SYED NASIR ALI SHAH RIZVI: HOUSING, WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (NEW MINISTRY. RIZVI, MNA FROM MULTAN, HAS BEEN GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PUNJAB PPP, AND NOW BECOMES DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL PARTY.)

P. MIR TAJ MOHAMMAD KHAN JAMALI: LABOR, MANPOWER, HEALTH AND POPULATION PLANNING. (PROMOTED FROM MINISTER OF STATE TO BE THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE CABINET FROM BALUCHISTAN. MINISTRY, WHICH HAD ALSO INCLUDED SOCIAL WELFARE BEFORE ITS REORGANIZATION, HAD BEEN HELD BY CHEEMA.)

Q. YAHYA BAKHTIAR: ATTORNEY GENERAL. (NO CHANGE.)

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7. EMBASSY IS PREPARING ASSESSMENT OF THE CHANGES WHICH WILL INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONSTITUENT POSTS. WE ARE POUCHING FULL LIST OF CABINET MINISTERS, MINISTERS OF STATE, SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, ADVISERS, AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/PAB AND INR/RNA. DAO IS PREPARING SEPARATE REPORT TO DIA ASSESSING MILITARY CHANGES.  
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